

REMARKS

Claims 9-49 are remaining in this application, with original Claim 1-8 cancelled and new Claims 9-49 added. Claims 9-15 are substantially identical to Claims 15, 17, 18, 24, 25, and 31 of parent application Serial Number 09/181,505, which were allowed in the parent application. Claims 16-23 are presented for the first time in this application. Claims 24-28 are substantially identical to respective Claims 13-16 and 19 of parent application Serial Number 09/181,505. Claims 29-33 are substantially identical to respective Claims 20-23 and 26 of parent application Serial Number 09/181,505. Claims 34-37 are substantially identical to respective Claims 27-29 and 32 of the parent application Serial Number 09/181,505. Claims 38-49 are substantially identical to Claims 1-12 of parent application Serial Number 09/181,505, which were allowed in the parent application.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request an examination on the merits and early allowance of the pending claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge for the later presentation of ten independent claims in excess of three (\$880.00), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b), and for the later presentation of twenty-one total claims in excess of twenty (\$378), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c), including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

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